

THE WEATHER FORECAST. Fair and warmer to-day; to-morrow cloudy, probably showers. Highest temperature yesterday, 51; lowest, 42

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MEXICO CHIEFS WARNPERSHING TO HALT CHASE

Carranza Leaders Predict Trouble if He Goes Further South.

2,300 MORE TROOPS

Wilson to Withdraw Soldiers.

BAKER CONFERS WITH PRESIDENT

Report in Washington That German Consul at Parral Led Riots.

Carranza Again Asks U. S. to Recall Troops

MEXICO CITY, April 18. Gen. Carranza renewed repesentations to-day to the United States through Ambassador Desgnate Arredondo for the retirement of the American troops now in Mexico, according to Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs

James Linn Rodgers, United States agent with Carranza, conferred at length to-day with Charles S. Douglas, ranza's legal representative. Both declined to say what was discussed. Mr. Rodgers, his aid, Mr. Parker, and other American employees are moving the United tates offices from the Brazilian Legation to the American Em-

assy building. Gen. Gutierrez reported that city for Parral.

amander of the American

further instructions. He is said to have edded that in view of the information his possession he has already thrown 2300 additional troops across the border guard the line of communication.

of State Lansing.

The two conferred some time concerning B, following which the Secretary of War got into communication with the Walte House and made an appointment to confer with the President at 8 o'clock to-night. Mr. Baker was with the President at 8 o'clock to-night, and hour, but declined to conferred to the defection of the detective bureau."

The Deputy Commissioner had gone to the Criminal Courts Building after receiving notification from the District Attorney of the latter's visit at noon to the object of his visit. Before the of John L. Swayze, general any in the object of his visit. seeing the President Secretary Baker There Mr.

We have given no orders to Gen. Funston that change in any way the a wire. character of the expedition or its move-

Despite this announcement there is members of the President's Cabinet are said to be urging that arrangements be arly in view of the German situation. proofs of the bandit's death,

the State and War Departments ounded and one reported as missing.
According to the report which Gen.

Persising is said to have sent the German epresentative was a conspicuous figure in the streets during the attack and appeared to be actively inciting the Mexi-

MAYOR SAYS PHONE **WIRES WERE TAPPED** TO DETECT A CRIME

Witnesses in Charity Inquiry Suspected of Perjury, and Indictments May Follow, Mitchel Adds-Woods Ordered Eavesdropping by Police.

Commissioner, informed District Attorney Swann yesterday afternoon that Commissioner Woods had instituted the "tapping" of telephone wires used by men prominently connected as witnesses with the charities investigation. This with the charities investigation. This with the charities investigation. This with the charities investigation. SENT INTO MEXICO with the charities investigation. This lisclosure was made after the District Attorney learned from the general counsel of the New York Telephone Company First Chief Again Asks that the cutting in had been done at the behest of "a high city official."

Mayor Mitchel issued the following statement last night regarding the case: "On information that a crime had to telephone conversations over three telephone wires. No other wires whatever were interfered with. This the police did under authority of law. I am informed that the evidence obtained may lead to indictments. It will be

developed publicly at the proper time— I understand, at an early date." While the Deputy Commissioner was While the Deputy Commissioner was divulging facts which bore out the accusations by persons allied with Catholic charities that eavesdroppers had overheard some of their talks, word came from Albany that the bill of Senator A. W. Burlingame, Jr., to restrict police espionage on the telephone had been rushed through the preliminary stages in both branches of the Legislature with record breaking rapidity

The outlook indicated that the measure would come up for a vote late to-day... Commissioner Woods went to Albany yesterday, having left the city about

Expected Perjured Evidence.

In explaining how the police came to

rell pamphlets" attacking the commis- that he gave no

For several days after the wires were station "listened in" and made notes the conversations. Neither Father reli, Dr. Potter nor his son, the Dep-Commissioner asserted, was involved to ne perjury charge, but it was thought. o guard the line of communication.

There was no confirmation of press room the border of fresh attacks reports from the border of fresh attacks.

Farrell, Dr. Potter nor his son, the value of the was involved but it was thought in the perjury charge, but it was thought the whole thing."

Wednesday last, having become "tired of the whole thing."

Charges made against Biddinger, as charges made against Biddinger, as the whole thing."

William Rhinelander Stewart, president of the board, denied that any cool-that the affidavits were made by confirmation of the perjury charges and nicknesses. Carranzistas on Gen. Pershing's cerning the statements of a fourth man. Secretary of War Baker, following the Statements of a fourth man.

"What we did get was of value," Mr.
Lord said. "We did in this case what we have done in hundreds of others—in the Gondorf case, for instance. There in the Gondorf case, for instance. There is no difference between this method and gested to the board.

ment on the object of his visit. Before the office of John L. Swayze, general

pany to tap the three wires in Brooklyn.
"There is no charge against the telephone company at all," said the District Attorney on his return. "The officials are obliged to furnish informa-

tion to any officer whose duty it is to prosecute offences." As the District Attorney had been assured that officials of the company were ready to relate their story to the Grand Jury, Judge Swann was asked f he would have this body take up the Thursday.

Inquiry Far From Closed.

"I don't think," he replied, "from what I have learned to-day that I will present the matter to the Grand Jury, I don't know what further steps I will take. But my investigation is not closed

"spying" was counter to section 552, subdivision 1, of the Penal Law, he said the paragraph reads as follows:
"A person who 'vrongfully obtains or attempts to 'obtain any knowledge of a

or telephone company is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by im-prisonment for not more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment." The District Attorney said that he be-lieved the police, having reasonable ground to believe that a crime had been The representations which the State Department has sent to Gen. Carranza concerning the Parral incident, as stated in enable the American Government to dealy a response to the formal note of Carranza calling on the United States to treat with his Government on the subject of withdrawing the American forces from Mexico.

An presenting a synopsis of Gen. Pershing's report to Gen. Carranza, it was learned to-night that Special Agent James Linn Rodgers at Mexico city was finatructed not only to emphasize the statement of Gen. Pershing that Major Tompkins and his troops were practically invited into the town but to question the assertion by Carranza that in approaching the town without permissioners.

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To SNUB SOCIALIST MAYOR.

Milwaukee Aldermen Will Not Ratify His Appointments.

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Milwaukee, April 18.—The non-partiful business or traffic is being carried on control the Council have decided not to ratify any appointment that any corporation or employee having instituted to deal or carranza that in approaching the town without permission the assertion by Carranza that in their possession relating to said unlawall business or traffic.

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Frank Lord. Second Deputy Police | abused in this case?" the District Attor-

the explanation of Commissioner Lord

Commissioner Kingsbury, Police Commissioner Woods and officials of the ginia on a charge of attempting to German, threatened international complications last night. Count von Bern-

the standing of Pather Farrell the police should indicate the source of their action, and that if necessary he would have the case taken to the Grand Jury.

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FILM FIRE ON THE KANSAS.

ernment More Than \$20,000. PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Motion pic-ture films, valued at \$10,000, leased by the bluejackets of the United States bat-

the warship was in Guantanamo Bay at the spring target practice on April 5. The damage was between \$20,000 to

practice there was an explosion and smoke and flames burst from the store-About thirty feet away there 300 rounds of fixed ammunition. due to spontaneous combustion.

THIRD STATE ENTERS U.S. STEPS IN TO SET BIDDINGER TANGLE VON PAPEN AID FREE

West Virginia Wants Detec- Wolf von Igel, Seized for Weltive to Testify Against Alleged Briber.

Fifty-one Charges in Chicago Accused Man, Saving He's Em-Called Only Scheme of Man

He Accuses.

"No department head would dare do a thing like that on his own initiative," said Father James J. Higgins, supervisor of Catholic charities in Brooklyn. The Rev. William B. Farrell announced last night that he would file suit against Mayor Mitchel, Charities and the Mayor Mitchel, Charities with the Mayor Mitchel, Charities and the Mayor Mitchel, Charities with the Inductional Charit reformer, must stand trial in West Vir- The arrest of Von Igel, a dapper young

New York Telephone Company, charging collusion to place him in the light of a criminal.

The satisfaction of District Attorney Swann in Deputy Commissioner Lord's explanation was not shared by his former campaign manager, Alfred J. Talley, who is counsel for the three men whose wires were admitted to have been tapped. Before conferring with Judge Swann yesterday he said that in view of the standing of Father Farrell the police should indicate the source of their of the standing of Father Farrell the police should indicate the source of their or the standing of the standing of Father Farrell the police should indicate the source of their or the standing of the standing of Father Farrell the police should indicate the source of their or the standing of the standing of Father Farrell the police should indicate the source of their or the standing of the

Commany Insists on Reason.

Lawyer Swayze and Frank H. Bethel. last night:

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The information, said the Deputy Commissioner, "came from a relation of the Jack of the Jack of the American Empty."

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has not told all the facts to the Chicago arrested. es, but is attempting to use were not revealed, defend himself against grave Count von Bernstorff, authorities,

Attacks Affidavit Makers.

dent of the board, denied that any coolness has sprung up between him and
Mr. Hebberd, and that the name of the
latter's successor had not yet been suggested to the board.

WOODS SEES WHITMAN.

Woods William had issued his
warrant for the return to Chicago of

warrant for the return to Albany in the detection receiving notification from the District Attorney of the latter studing after receiving notification from the District Attorney of the latter studing after receiving notification from the District of the Commissioner of the Commissioner

Republican and Democratic leaders

The legislative programme, it is asserted, includes the passage of the Penal
Law amendment before adjournment on
Law amendment before adjournment on mitted, according to the affidavits, as long and paid out funds to the alleged con-Another accuses him of taking a pocket-book containing \$20. There are other similar charges. Upon them the Justice

Well Making Hard Fight.

The case upon which District Attorney Cownsend and counsel for Biddinger rely for the Manufacturers Light and Heat Jury on a charge of attempting to bring about the bribing of Howard N. Osgood, a Public Service Commissioner of the

William S. Butler, counsel for Biddinger, explained the situation yesterday from his standpoint.

"Mr. Well is counsel for the Manu"Mr. Well is counsel for the Manu-

facturers Light and Heat Company, which supplies natural cas in West Vir-ginia," he said. "The company at-

PLOT TO HUSH HIM TOLD FIGHTS FEDERAL AGENTS

land Canal Plot. Gives

bassy Member and Immune, Gets Bernstorff Help.

Wolf von Igel, Capt. Franz von Pa-When it was pointed out that Senator Burlingame's bill was designed to correct any possibility of abuse of this power, the District Attorney remarked: "I wouldn't like to see Senator Burlingame's bill passed." He professed ignorance of the authority that was behind Commissioner Woods, though Catholic priests who suspected their wires were meddled with charged that the sanction came from City Hall."

The ground upon which the third State injects itself into the case is that the sanction came from City Hall."

"No department head would dare do a server of the return of the man to Illinois at this time charging Capt. von Papen, recalled mili-

previously had fallen to Capt, you Pa-

In explaining how the police came to enter the tangled charities situation. Deputy Commissioner Lord told the District Attorney—and later the reporters—that Commissioner Woods had found that "perjury had been and would be committed" in the inquiry before Commissioner Charles H. Strong, appointed by the Governor to examine charges brought by John A. Kingsbury, Charities.

"We don't inquire as to whose wire is being tapped," Mr. Bethel said. "It would make no difference whether it was for Charities.

"The information," said the Deputy Commissioner, "came from a reliable source. On the strength of this the Commissioner, "came from a reliable source, on the strength of this the Commissioner, "came from a reliable source, on the strength of this the Commissioner, "and the commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state his reason, and that the Police Commissioner in his request to have a special wire tapped must always state believed to be abused."

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"It know nothing of the merits of the charges against Biddinger in Chicago.

If Count von Bernstoff continues his efforts to obtain innumity for Von Igel do know, however, that A. Leo Weil, who stands charged in West Virginal with attempting to bribe two members of the Public Service Commission of that State, is behind the charges

mand afterward made by Von Igel that he. Von Igel, be declared immune from arrest and that the papers be returned because they belong to the Control of the barrassing situation

warrant for the return to Chicago of Embassy was cognizant of what amounts Biddinger, who was once connected with to criminal activities on the part of Ger-

Jury on Monday afternoon. So late was the hour that William N. Offley, head of the local bureau of investigation, adof the local bureau of investigation, advised secreey regarding Von Igel's name and suggested postponing his arrest un-til the young man could be found in his "as long as she remains my widow," the office, surrounded by his papers, his safe testator says.

Struggle Before Arrest.

Federal Agents Storck, Underhill and Grugurevich, went to Von Igel's office at Grugurevich, went to Von Igel's office at made a vigorous fight, alleging undue influence and interference by Gov. Hatfield and various other officials. When the exits, taking Underhili with him. Inside his card was received by Von against him the lawyer obtained a writ of error, and this case is about to be decided.

Biddinger appeared as a witness in the preliminary hearings of the West Virginia case and it appeared then that he had been employed by Mr. Well to ascertain facts in connection with the case.

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the knob of the combination a l. He was not certain, however, which supplies natural sas in West Virginia," he said. "The company attempted to raise its prices from 20 cents at thousand feet to 27 cents and the Public Service Commission of West Virginia refused to approve. Biddinger was hired to have a factor of the property of the property of the property of the property of the page of the page of the property of the page o

WILSON CALLS JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO-DAY; BREAK WITH GERMANY EXPECTED

RUSSIANS TAKE TREBIZOND IN LAND AND SEA ATTACK

Navy Cooperates With Grand Duke's Army-Turks Flee After Furious Battle at Asia Minor Seaport—Are Being Hotly Pursued.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 18 .- Trebizond, one of the most strongly fortified and most Important Black Sea ports in Asia Minor, has fallen into the hands of the Rus-

the Turks made a last desperate stand. but were defeated by the Muscovite forces, whose attack was aided by the Alexius Comnenus, with an army of Russian naval guns off the coast. "Most daring" landings were made the Rus. daring' landings were made, the Russian War Office reports, under the protection of the naval artillery.

The Russian statement follows: Trebizond has been taken. The united, energetic efforts of our Caucasian army and Black Sea fleet have been crowned by the conquest of this fortified town, the most important po-

ition on the Anatolian coast Our valiant troops, after the san-guinary battle of the 14th on the Kara Dere River, pressed the Turks without respite and surmounted incredible obstacles, everywhere breaking the flerce resistance of the enemy.

The well combined action of the fleet permitted the execution of most

hazardous landing operations and lent the support of its artillery to the troops operating in the coastal region. Credit for this fresh victory also is partly due to the assistance given the Caucasian army by the troops operat-ing in other directions in Asia Minor. By their desperate fighting and heroic exploits they did everything in their power to facilitate the task of

earlier to-night told of the ejection from phon's pursuers had taken.

Black Sea coast has been, and how weak Germans Report Failure of Attack

| Erzerum without losing large numbers

chiefly to the fact that it controls the point where the principal trade route from Persia and central Asia to Europe The Petrograd War Office announced over Armenia and by way of Bayezid and Erzerum, descends to the sea. It has been the dream of Russia for central Asia to Bayezid and Erzerum, descends to the sea. It has been the dream of Russia for central Asia to Bayezid over Armenia and by way of Bayezid Trebizond's population is about 40,000

of whom 22,000 are Moslems and 18,000 Christians. The city first figured in history during the fourth crusade, when tory during the fourth crusade, when Trebizond was taken by Mohammed II. after it had for two centuries been the capital of an empire, having defied all attacks, principally by virtue of its isolated position, between a barrier of rugged mountains of from 7,000 to 8,000 feet, and the sea.

Later the city was several times be-sieged, the most memorable attack being that in which Mohammed II, took it, after its powerful fortications had re-sisted his onslaughts for a long time. Historians agree that even then the city would not have fallen but for the almost unconditional surrender by David, the last Emperor. Thus Grand Duke Nicholas, the uncle of the Czar, whom the world believed to

have been shelved "for good" when Emperor Nicholas took from him the chief command of the forces in Russia and of diplomatic relations and even more sent him to the Caucasus, has realized temporarily at any rate, the dream of It was at Trebizond that Xenophon, as commander of the Greek army, in the year 400 B. C. ended up his memorable

After the city passed into Turkish hands powerful modern fortifications were added to the excellent natural defences. In the city there are a number of inter-esting monuments of ancient history in

the form of churches in the Byzantine

at Bridgehend. via London, April 18 .- The had already determined upon the necesfollowing statement regarding operations sity of a severance of diplomatic rela-Russian attacks early this morning at the Dwinsk bridgehead on the nar-

row front south of Garbunovka broke down in front of our positions with

BERLIN PRESS IN RAGE A \$250,000 ESTATE

Novelist's Widow, if She Does Germany Is Urged to Send a warfare to meet the President's implied

for final passage making it a misdemeanor to tap a wire and listen to a conwersation. The amendment to the Penal
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of the death or remarriage of Mrs. Davis before the daughter is 21 years old all Accordingly. Baker, accompanied by paid to Hope until she is 21 years old. Underhill and when she is to get one-half of the principal and the balance is to remain in trust for her during her lifetime.

Mr. Davis directs that in the settle-

Brooklyn is made executor and trustee.

Flat Refusal to President

The indictment in the Welland Canal The remainder of the estate is turned dent Wilson's right to demand an investi- action which he intends to take case was handed down by the Grand over to the trustee, who is to hold it in gation and an explanation where Ameriuntil her daughter is 21 years old, when ment." The paper suggests that he may one-half of the income will go to the be influenced by the approaching anni-staughter and the balance to Mrs. Davis versary of the sinking of the Lusitania Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign

TOO COSTLY FOR JOHN D.?

MOVIE CENSOR BILL PASSES.

Assembly Votes Measure, 87 to 37 After Bitter Fight.

ALBANY, April 19.—The Assembly by vote of 87 to 37 passed the Cristman-Wheeler bill this morning providing for an eleventh hour adjustment of the a State board of motion picture censors.

The board is to be under the direction The German Ambassador did not

DIPLOMACY NOW CONSIDERED AT END President to Tell Congress He's Forced to Take Decisive Step.

Virtual Ultimatum Will Go

to Berlin After

Address.

WARNS OF A WAR

Both Extremely Cordial.

WASHINGTON, April 18 .- President

"retreat to the sea" after a five weeks march through the wilds of Kurdistan and Armenia. The Russian Grand Duke

forthcoming to-night concerning the President's address, and as a result RUSSIAN REPULSE AT DWINSK, many and varied reports were in cir-The intimation came from high offi-

cial sources, however, that the President

tions with Germany and would so inform Congress to-morrow Secretary Lansing declined to confirm or deny such reports and referred

all inquiries to the White House

A Decisive Step. There is no doubt that the President morrow that his communication to OVER FINAL DEMAND Berlin is a declsive step which leaves the United States no alternative except to sever diplomatic relations in case Germany fails to seize this last chance to modify her methods of stibmarine

> The only difference of opinion in Washington in regard to the President's appearance before Congress is whether or not he has decided to leave

American press bears for every one who knows the real conditions the stamp of of such a character that it will foresion similar to that which recently ocfor the adoption of any resolution, but

A Preliminary Conference.

elected his opponents' abuse cannot leave | Lodge of the same committee and with him cold." Foreign Affairs. The President in his address will

of Closing His Ice Plant. has covered in his note to Berlin.

ute conference with Secretary Lansing his afternoon and stated specifically after the conference that he and the Secretary were to talk matters over in a few days." This was taken as an indication that all hope has not yet been abandoned by the Ambassador for an eleventh hour adjustment of the

look worried after the conference. He

German Situation Enters.

The argument is finding favor in cer-ain official quarters that the Adminis-ation accept the word of the Carranza